(b) whether Government propose to construct an ultra modern double-storeyed market on the land adjoining Super Bazar and behind it so that shopkeepers of INA Market could be shifted in it and separate sites be fixed for general purchase, restaurants, fruits, vegetable and non-vegetable items; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Considering the existing inadequacies in the INA market and to provide for an environmentally better market place, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has prepared a conceptual plan for re-development of the market area. However, the proposal is at a preliminary stage.

Rehabilitation of slum dwellers

†2384. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to construct flats at slum land and hand-over the flats to the slum dwellers;

(b) whether backward States like Bihar have also been included in that list;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The Government is implementing centrally sponsored scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people living below poverty line in urban slums. The scheme has also a component known as Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) for the construction of community toilets. The scheme is funded with the Government of India subsidy of 50% and the balance 50% to be arranged by the State

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Government with the ceilling cost prescribed both for dwelling units and community toilets. VAMBAY is a demand driven scheme and funds are released only to those States who have deposited their share of 50% in the VAMBAY account and submitted proposals, complete in all respects, as per the guidelines. An allocation of Rs. 296.68 lakhs during the year 2001-02, Rs. 1104.37 lakhs during the year 2002-03 and Rs. 1044.52 lakhs in the current financial year 2003-04 as Central share has been made for the State of Bihar. However, no Central share could be released for want of proposals, complete in all respects, from the State Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Funds to Bellary under IDSMT

2385. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any amount to Bellary under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT);

(b) if so, the sanctioned amount and when it was sanctioned;

(c) the works taken up with the above amount in Bellary;

(d) whether the Bellary City Municipal Council has sent any proposal to sanctioned Rs. 10 crores to take up developmental works; and

(e) if so, the steps if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the year 1993-94, Bellary town was covered under the Scheme for a total project cost of Rs. 578.00 lakhs for four